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[Hayden, Co.]

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American Numismatic Society
156 St Broadway N. Y City

Dear Sirs:

Aug the 10th 1918 I found
this coin in the shell-runs
of a villoge south of
Paissons France

A Frenchman - who
was with me when I
found it - told me that
the Peasants had made
these coins from Imperial
dies that they captured
at Versailles and used
them as a medium of
exchange

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He also said that these
iron coins were very
rare.

I havent been able to
verify this. I wonder
if your gentlemen could
help me.

Kind enclosed return
postage.

Thanking you very
sincerely,

Yours truly

D. P. Alley

Hayden Colo.

P.S. Of what value, if any

13th May, 1929

Mr. D. R. Alley,
Hayden, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter as well as the package containing the coin, received. These curious pieces are not listed in French works as a rule; I have seen pictures, however, of similar pieces made around Lyons and Lille. Your peasant was partly right in its history. It was made following the French Revolution locally, but not from imperial dies. What they did was to take the coins in circulation and make moulds from which they made castings, impressing in one mould an inverted lily.

We might be interested in this piece as coming from near Soissons. We would be willing to give you \$2.50 for it, in case you care to sell the piece. I will hold it here until I hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Curator